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This Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application and constitutes a Request for Continued Examination. The Final Office Action set a 3-month period for reply, thus this reply is timely filed on its due date of October 31, 2005 (October 29, 2005 being a Saturday).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: